

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on March 22, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Fleming
Rep. Garner
Rep. A. Knudsen
Rep. Lenz
Rep. Staffanson
Rep. Webb

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 149, 3/16/2017; SB 270, 3/16/2017; HB 599, 3/20/2017
Executive Action: SB 149, SB 163, SB 178

HEARING ON SB 149

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:08 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 149, Revise times state officers and candidates file business disclosure reports.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:05:44 Claudette Morton, Montana League of Women Voters (LWV)

Informational Testimony:

00:06:57 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:42 Rep. McKamey
00:07:52 Rep. Staffanson joined meeting
00:08:18 Sen. Kary
00:08:29 Rep. Hayman
00:08:59 Jonathan Motl, COPP
00:09:13 Rep. Fleming joined meeting

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:24 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:38 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 270, Generally revise state building acquisition and leasing laws.

[EXHIBIT\(sth59a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:10 Garrett Bacon, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:15:51 Mark Simonich, RDP Management Company

Informational Testimony:

00:23:47 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:17 Rep. McKamey
00:25:14 Sen. Kary
00:25:24 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:26:27 Rep. Karjala
00:27:11 Russ Katherman, DOA
00:27:35 Rep. Skees
00:27:53 Garrett Bacon, DOA
00:28:04 Rep. Skees

00:28:16 Garrett Bacon, DOA
00:28:24 Rep. Garner joined meeting
00:28:32 Rep. Skees
00:28:51 Garrett Bacon, DOA
00:29:16 Rep. Custer
00:29:51 Garrett Bacon, DOA
00:30:28 Chair Mandeville
00:30:45 Mark Simonich, RDP Management Company
00:31:33 Chair Mandeville
00:31:38 Rep. Webb joined meeting
00:32:09 Garrett Bacon, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:42 Sen. Kary

[EXHIBIT\(sth59a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth59a03\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 599

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:42 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 599, Constitutional amendment regarding vacancy for certain statewide offices.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:19 Chair Mandeville
00:39:37 Rep. Skees
00:40:57 Chair Mandeville
00:41:01 Rep. Skees

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:38 Rep. Skees

00:42:02 Chair Mandeville
00:43:46 Rep. Hayman
00:43:52 Chair Mandeville
00:44:19 Rep. Skees
00:44:20 Chair Mandeville
00:44:34 Rep. Greef
00:45:00 Chair Mandeville
00:45:28 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:45:45 Chair Mandeville
00:48:04 Rep. Skees

00:48:18 Recessed
01:05:13 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 149

01:05:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 149 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Lenz voted by proxy. Rep. McKamey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 163

01:06:45 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 163 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:06:56 **Motion:** Rep. Price moved that **SB 163 BE AMENDED**.
[**EXHIBIT**](#)(sth59a04)

01:07:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Lenz voted by proxy.

01:08:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 163 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Lenz voted by proxy. Rep. Bennett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 178

01:09:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 178 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Lenz voted by proxy. Rep. Redfield will carry the bill.

01:09:46 Chair Mandeville
01:10:20 Rep. Staffanson
01:10:39 Chair Mandeville
01:10:53 Rep. McKamey
01:11:29 Rep. Sales
01:11:55 Chair Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:12:00

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth59aad.pdf](#))